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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170  
and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

I support the need to provide telephone and internet services to the rural America. I think it most important that small communities have the communication capabilities to compete with the large cities for business and commerce. However, I pay \$100 per year to have cell phone service for emergencies. I do not now pay a monthly fee and almost never use the telephone. I don't think this fee should apply to those that do not pay a month fee and have the phone for emergency service.

I also believe the current fees are misused. I don't see the rural coverage that I expected to see. Where are these monies being spent?

I recently took a 7000 mile trip across the western states. Much of the time my tracfone did not have a usable signal. This was even while traveling on US interstate hiways. Much of the time I did not have phone access when traveling on US state hiways.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

Gerald Powell  
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CC: FCC Subcommittee Members